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PRODUCTS  
Examiner : Steven R. Wasylchak

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002.

After receiving a Final Office Action in April of 2001 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicant noticed an appeal and submitted an appeal brief in November of 2001. With no further briefing or any decision on the merits, the Examiner reopened prosecution in a new, non-final Office Action mailed on April 2, 2002 (the "First Reopening Office Action"). Applicant then requested reinstatement of the appeal and submitted a first Supplemental Appeal Brief. Without further briefing or any decision on the merits, the Examiner again reopened prosecution in this, most recent, non-final Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002 (the "Office Action").

Applicant notes that the Office Action, which states new rejections, neither withdraws nor maintains any of the rejections stated in either the Final Office Action or the First Reopening Office Action. Thus, Applicant does not believe that any of the rejections stated in either the Final Office Action or the First Reopening Office Action are still relevant. However, to the

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extent any or all of those rejections are still relevant, Applicant hereby incorporates by reference the entirety of the original Appeal Brief and the first Supplemental Appeal Brief.

Applicant presumes the present rejections are limited to those stated in the Office Action. The Examiner has reopened prosecution by rejecting all pending Claims. In particular, Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 14-16 are rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,992,940 to Dworkin ("Dworkin"), and Claims 6, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Dworkin in view of official notice.

Claims 1-16 remain pending in this application, and Applicant has added new Claims 17-25.